

Tuesday, October 28 2003

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445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

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The digital television transition relies on convincing consumers of the benefits of switching to and buying digital television equipment, and despite legislative attempts to force the technology down the public's throat, it won't succeed unless it's palatable. If switching means incompatibility with existing displays and equipment, and the potential loss of ability to time-shift programming, it won't go down. More expensive and less functional equipment may be fine with the MPAA, but it's not good for the public.

I am very concerned about the implications of the broadcast flag for fair-use and time-shifting. Those working on different schedules have come to depend on the availability of prime time content in off hours. Editing broadcasts to share important or interesting clips with family and friends for non-commercial purposes also seems to be imperiled by the broadcast flag. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove the control and flexibility afforded by current technology, which has actually increased the value and popularity of television.

What compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital equipment, at least until my current equipment fails and cannot be repaired? A prettier picture is fine, but not enough not enough so to relinquish the ability to time-shift and fair use rights under copyright law. As a citizen and consumer, I urge you to promote the digital transition, electronic equipment manufacturers, and broadcasters, by opposing the broadcast flag.

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I am tired of being treated like a criminal. Every attempt to thwart piracy by the MPAA, RIAA and other copyright holders, have been defeated by determined criminals. At best, the spread of this type of technology will hinder legitimate use by consumers while doing nothing to stop the few individuals for whom it is intended.

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I've been a user of advanced services for some time now, but want the flexibility to use my equipment and content. I'm a strong believer in Digital rights, supporting copyrights but without unreasonable restrictions to the end user.

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps

I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

As a teacher, I sometimes tape science and technology shows for use in my Technology classroom. It is ironic that "technology" could prevent me from doing this in the future. Just because the format is changing does not mean that the rules have to change. It seems that the media companies and their financial influence is creating a situation where any "unauthorized" use of their products is considered to be stealing, thus criminalizing behavior that has been going on for years. Whose interest is the FCC supposed to look after, the media companies or the people of the United States? So now I am a criminal if I tape a program to show in my classes? Get a spine and stop letting the regulated write the regulations!

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